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APRIL EVENTS AT THE NASA VISITOR CENTER

Saturday, April 1: "Model Rocket Launch"

Model rocket launches will be held at 1 p.m. on the Visitor Center grounds. Models of various rockets will be launched. Model rocketeers are invited to bring their own rockets and launch them. The launch will be canceled if it is raining or winds exceed 18 mph.

Saturday, April 8: "3-2-1 Blastoff"

This 30-minute program will take visitors through a sounding rocket launch from beginning to end. Visitors will learn what are sounding rockets, why there are used, and how they work. Following the program, children can make their own decorative paper rocket. Program begins at 1 p.m.

Saturday, April 15: Earth Day at the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge

NASA Visitor Center staff will help celebrate Earth Day at the near-by Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge. Call the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at (757) 336-6122 for more information.

Saturday, April 22: Earth Day at the NASA Wallops Visitor Center

Join the NASA Wallops Flight Facility on April 22nd for Earth Day 2006. This event will be celebrated with special activities for children young and old. The Visitor Center opens at 10 a.m. and programs will be held throughout the day. Call the Wallops Visitor Center at (757) 824-2298 for more information.

Saturday, April 29: "Kite Flight" children's program

Learn all about kites and how they fly! Following the presentation, children will build and fly their own sled kite (materials are provided). The program will begin at 1 p.m.

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"Puppets in Space"

"Puppets in Space", a 10-minute puppet show, will be presented at 11 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Puppet astronauts and Sam the monkey will explore space flight, including the space suit. An eight-minute version of the film "Astrosmiles" follows the puppet show.

Daily: "Space Ace"

Children ages 5-10 years can earn a "Space Ace" certificate and a lithograph during their Visitor Center experience by completing an activity sheet.

Sundays: "Humans in Space"

"Humans in Space" is the subject of a 1 p.m. program for children of all ages. The 30-minute program looks at living and working in space, including a review of the astronauts' culinary delights and their wardrobe.

The Visitor Center, part of the Robert L. Krieger Education Complex, is open Thursday through Monday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is located on Route 175 about six miles from Route 13 and five miles from Chincoteague, Va. Admission to Visitor Center programs is free. For further information, please call (757) 824-2298.

For information about the Visitor Center on the Internet, visit

<http://www.wff.nasa.gov/vc>